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SUBJECT: PRE-LICENSE CHECK: AFRONIX (PTY) LTD., PRIVATE
BAG X3028, TRUST BANK CENTER, HILL STREET, RANDSBURG 2125,
JOHANNESBURG, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

REF: OEA/CD SURVEY CASE 3-198

1. IN ORDER TO PREVENT SOUGHT AFTER STRATEGIC-RATED HIGH-
TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTION AND TESTING EQUIPMENT FOR SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICES BEING DIVERTED TO PRC, USSR AND OTHER EAST
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES REQUEST POST CONDUCT PRE-LICENSING
CHECK ON FOLLOWING TRANSACTION:

2. ELECTROGLAS, INC., SANTA CLARA, CALIF., APPLIED FOR
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EXPORT LICENSES (BEWT CASE NOS. A234105 AND A236371) TO
SHIP TWO MODEL 1400AX LASER SCRIBERS WITH PARTS AND ACCESSORIES,
VALUE: 101,793 DOLLARS; AND SIXTEEN MODEL 1034X
WAFER PROBERS WITH PARTS AND ACCESSORIES, VALUE: 279,272
DOLLARS, RESPECTIVELY, TO SUBJECT FIRM.

3. STATED END-USE: MANUFACTURE, PRODUCTION AND TESTING OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES. CONSIGNEE/PURCHASER STATEMENTS ATTACHED TO APPLICATIONS SIGNED BY DAVE HARTLEY, SUBJECT'S PLANT MANAGER, ON 10/12/76 AND 11/23/76, RESPECTIVELY

4. OEA/CD AND OTHER INDICES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION ON SUBJECT.

5. INTERNATIONAL D AND B AND WTDR REFERENCES CONSULTED; NO RECORD OF EITHER AVAILABLE.

6. ACCORDING TO APPLICANT, SUBJECT THREATENS TO CANCEL ORDERS AND BUY FROM OTHER SOURCE UNLESS GOODS SHIPPED IN DECEMBER.

7. THE PROFILE OF CONDITIONS THAT ORDINARILY ATTEND TRANSACTION(S) OF THIS KIND EQUIPMENT: A) PURCHASER WOULD BE ESTABLISHED FIRM EMPLOYING HIGHLY SKILLED TECHNICIANS, B) NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN RANGE 50 TO 100, C) ROOMS WHERE TEMPERATURE, DUST/DIRT FREE, D) OVERALL MANUFACTURING FACILITY WOULD CONSIST OF SEGREGATED OPERATIONS, I.E., SERIES OF ROOMS FOR VARIOUS PRODUCTION STAGES SUCH AS SLICING, POLISHING, CHEMICAL PHASE, PHOTO AREA ETC.

8. LEITMOTIF RECENT INVESTIGATIONS REVEAL ATTEMPTS TO STIMULATE ABOVEMENTIONED PRE-INSTALLATION CONDITIONS, I.E., EDO USUALLY TOLD ABOUT OR TAKEN TO CONSTRUCTION SITE WHERE EQUIPMENT TO BE INSTALLED WHEN CONSTRUCTION COMPLETELY OR BUILDING SPACE RENOVATED. EDO CAN GUARD AGAINST SUCH RUSE BY BEARING IN MIND THAT IT IS NOT FINANCIALLY FEASIBLE TO PURCHASE SUCH EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT UNLESS IT IS INSTALLED AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN USE BY COMPETENT PERSONNEL WITHIN RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD OF FEW WEEKS.

9. OEA/CD ALERTED BY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE (SENSITIVE) THAT SP IFIC EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURED BY APPLICANT IS BEING SOUGHT BY SOVIETS. QUANTITY/MODEL NOS. SUBJECT TRANSACTIONS RAISED QUESTIONS. ALSO, SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, APPLICATIONS RETURNED TO ANOTHER US SEMICONDUCTOR EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER FOR CGS THERMODYNAMICS (PTY) AND SUBJECT FIRM AS ULTIMATE CONSIGNEES.

ACTION REQUESTED:

10. JOHNNESBURG VISIT SUBJECT FIRM. DETERMINE BONA FIDES OF TRANSACTION BY EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE (LETTER OF CREDIT, QUOTATION REQUEST, PURCHASE ORDER ETC.) RELATED TO TRANSACTION. (NOTE: SPECIAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ANY DOCUMENTATION THAT INDICATES SOURCE OF FUNDS.

ALSO, IF SUBJECT FIRM EXPRESSED ROUTING PREFERENCE FOR GOODS,
ASK WHICH CITIES/NAMES OR FORWARDERS INVOLVED.)

11. REQUEST SUBJECT COMPLETE WTDR INFORMATION.

12. CABLE RESULTS PRE-LICENSE CHECK SOONEST.
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